

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for color adjustment by entering image data which expresses an input image in terms of more than one kind of color component value for a large number of pixels individually and then generating adjusted image data which expresses an adjusted image to be printed by a printing apparatus, with the input image color-adjusted, said method comprising:

a step of outputting a preview image of said input image according to said image data and acquiring information about ~~the~~ unadjusted color which expresses ~~the~~ a color to be adjusted and which is contained in said preview image;

a step of controlling said printing apparatus such that it prints a plurality of colors among from the color and its neighboring colors represented by said information about unadjusted color, according to said information about unadjusted color which has been acquired;

a step of specifying ~~the~~ information about adjusted color which represents any of the plurality of printed colors, as ~~the~~ standard information at the time of color adjustment;

a step of generating varying region image data and outputting a varying region image that shows just a region having color changes due to color adjustment on said input image based on the information about the unadjusted color and the adjusted color, wherein said varying region image data is expressed in achromatic color obtained from component value differences between said input image data and said adjusted image data; and

a step of generating the data for adjusted image which expresses the adjusted image to be printed by said printing apparatus from said image data, according to said information about unadjusted color and said information about adjusted color.

2. (Original) The method for color adjustment as defined in claim 1, wherein:

said step for acquiring unadjusted color outputs said preview image of adjusted image according to said adjusted image data and acquires the information about the unadjusted color to be adjusted which is contained in said preview image;

said step for controlling the printing of neighboring colors controls said printing apparatus such that it prints a plurality of colors among from the color and its neighboring colors represented by said information about unadjusted color, according to said information about unadjusted color which represents the color contained in the preview image of said adjusted image;

said step for specifying adjusted color specifies the information about adjusted color representing any of a plurality of said printed colors; and

said step for generating adjusted image generates the adjusted image data to be printed by said printing apparatus from said image, according to said information about unadjusted color and said information about adjusted color.

3. (Original) The method for color adjustment as defined in claim 1, wherein:

said information about unadjusted color is the unadjusted color component value which represents the color component value of the color to be adjusted and which is contained in said preview image;

said information about adjusted color is the information which denotes the difference between the color component value representing any of said plurality of printed colors and said unadjusted color component value; and

said step for generating adjusted image obtains the adjusted color component value which represents any of said plurality of printed colors from said unadjusted color component value and said information about adjusted color and generates said adjusted image data from said image data such that the unadjusted color component value is made the adjusted color component value.

4. (Original) The method for color adjustment as defined in claim 1, wherein said step for acquiring unadjusted color causes an image display apparatus to display said preview image, references the standard color profile which makes it possible to correct the difference in color of the displayed image of the image

displaying apparatus and the printed image of the standard printing apparatus, and causes the image display apparatus to display the preview image corresponding to the printed image of the standard printing apparatus according to said image data, while referencing the standard color profile which makes it possible to correct the difference in color of the displayed image of the image displaying apparatus and the printed image of the standard printing apparatus.

5. (Original) The method for color adjustment as defined in claim 1, wherein said step for acquiring the unadjusted color outputs the preview image of said input image in an enlarged form, with colors separated for each pixel, and acquires said information about unadjusted color which represents the color to be adjusted and which is contained in the color which has been output in separate colors.

6. (Original) The method for color adjustment as defined in claim 1, wherein said image data is the data to express in terms of more than one kind of color component value representing respectively more than three elemental colors, and the step for controlling the printing of neighboring colors causes the printer to print a color chart (in a honeycomb pattern) in which different elemental colors change step-wise in three directions from the center which is the color or its neighboring colors which is represented by said information about unadjusted color.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) The method for color adjustment as defined in claim [[7]] 1, in which said step for acquiring unadjusted color causes the image display apparatus to display said preview image and said step for outputting the varying region references the color profile which makes it possible to correct difference in color between the display image on said displaying apparatus and the printed image of said printing apparatus, thereby generating the print image data which expresses the print image to be printed by said printing apparatus from said image data, generates said adjusted image data from said image data based on said information about unadjusted color and said information about adjusted color, and

generates said varying region image data based on the difference between the print image data and the adjusted image data.

9. (Original) The method for color adjustment as defined in claim 8, in which said step for outputting the varying region generates said varying region image data in which the component value is the difference in component value between said print image data and said adjusted image data.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A method for color adjustment by entering image data which expresses an input image in terms of more than one kind of color component value for a large number of pixels individually and then generating adjusted image data which expresses an adjusted image to be printed by a printing apparatus, with the input image color-adjusted, said method comprising:

an unadjusted color acquisition step for acquiring information about the unadjusted color which expresses ~~the~~ a color to be adjusted and which is contained in said input image according to said image data;

an adjusted color specifying step for accepting input of information about adjusted color which expresses the adjusted color for the color expressed by said unadjusted color information;

a varying region output step for generating ~~the~~ varying region image data which expresses ~~the~~ a varying region image which shows ~~the~~ just a region ~~in which the~~ having color changes due to said color adjustment on said input image based on the information about unadjusted color and the information about adjusted color, wherein said varying region image data is expressed in achromatic color obtained from component value differences between said input image data and said adjusted image data; and

an adjusted image generating step for generating the adjusted image data which expresses the adjusted image to be printed by said printing apparatus from said image data based on said information about unadjusted color and said

information about adjusted color which have generated the varying region image data which expresses said varying region image which has been output.

12. (Currently amended) A print control apparatus which enters an image data which expresses an input image in terms of more than one kind of color component value for a large number of pixels individually and then causes a printing apparatus to print ~~the~~ an adjusted image, which is a color-adjusted input image, said apparatus comprising:

an unadjusted color acquisition unit which outputs ~~the~~ a preview image of said input image based on said image ~~date~~ data and acquires ~~the~~ information about unadjusted color which expresses ~~the~~ a color to be adjusted and which is contained in said preview image;

a neighboring color print control unit which performs control such that said printing apparatus prints more than one color ~~among~~ from among the color and its neighboring colors expressed by said information about unadjusted color based on said information about unadjusted color which has been acquired;

an adjusted color specifying unit which specifies ~~the~~ adjusted color information which expresses any one of said plurality of printed colors as ~~the~~ standard information at the time of color adjustment;

a varying region generating unit that generates varying region image data and outputs a varying region image that shows just a region having color changes due to color adjustment on said input image based on the information about the unadjusted color and the adjusted color, wherein said varying region image data is expressed in achromatic color obtained from component value differences between said input image data and said adjusted image data;

an adjusted image generating unit which generates ~~the~~ adjusted image data which expresses the adjusted image to be printed by said printing apparatus from said image data based on said information about unadjusted color and said information about adjusted color; and

a control unit which causes said printing apparatus to print the adjusted image based on said adjusted image data which has been generated.

13. (Currently amended) A color adjustment apparatus which enters an image data which expresses an input image in terms of more than one kind of color component value for a large number of pixels individually and then causes a printing apparatus to print ~~the~~ an adjusted image, which is a color-adjusted input image, said apparatus comprising:

an unadjusted color acquisition unit which outputs ~~the~~ a preview image of said input image based on said image ~~date~~ data and acquires ~~the~~ information about unadjusted color which expresses ~~the~~ a color to be adjusted and which is contained in said preview image;

a neighboring color print control unit which performs control such that said printing apparatus prints more than one color ~~among~~ from among the color and its neighboring colors expressed by said information about unadjusted color based on said information about unadjusted color which has been acquired;

an adjusted color specifying unit which specifies ~~the~~ adjusted color information which expresses any one of said plurality of printed colors as ~~the~~ standard information at the time of color adjustment;

a varying region generating unit that generates varying region image data and outputs a varying region image that shows just a region having color changes due to color adjustment on said input image based on the information about the unadjusted color and the adjusted color, wherein said varying region image data is expressed in achromatic color obtained from component value differences between said input image data and said adjusted image data; and

an adjusted image generating unit which generates ~~the~~ adjusted image data which expresses the adjusted image to be printed by said printing apparatus from said image data based on said information about unadjusted color and said information about adjusted color.

14. (Currently amended) A color adjustment apparatus which enters an image data which expresses an input image in terms of more than one kind of color component value for a large number of pixels individually and then causes a printing apparatus to print ~~the~~ an adjusted image, which is a color-adjusted input image, said apparatus comprising:

an unadjusted color acquisition unit which acquires ~~the~~ information about unadjusted color which expresses ~~the~~ a color to be adjusted and which is contained in said input image based on said image data;

an adjusted color specifying unit which accepts ~~the~~ input of ~~the~~ information about adjusted color which expresses adjusted color for the color expressed by said information about unadjusted color;

a varying region output unit which generates ~~the~~ varying region image data which expresses ~~the~~ a varying region image which shows ~~the~~ just a region ~~in which~~ the having color changes due to said color adjustment on said input image based on said image data, the information about unadjusted color, and the information about adjusted color, wherein said varying region image data is expressed in achromatic color obtained from component value differences between said input image data and said adjusted image data, and outputs the varying region image based on said varying region image data; and

an adjusted image generating unit which generates ~~the~~ adjusted image data which expresses the adjusted image to be printed by said printing apparatus from said image data based on said information about unadjusted color and said information about adjusted color which have generated the varying region image data which expresses said varying region image which has been output.

15. (Currently amended) A color adjustment program product embodied on a computer readable medium which gives a computer ~~the~~ a function which enters an image data which expresses an input image in terms of more than one kind of color component value for a large number of pixels individually and then generates ~~the~~ adjusted image data which expresses ~~the~~ an adjusted image to be printed by a

printing apparatus, with the input image color-adjusted, said program product allowing the computer to realize:

an unadjusted color acquisition function which outputs ~~the~~ a preview image of said input image based on said image ~~date~~ data and acquires ~~the~~ information about unadjusted color which expresses ~~the~~ a color to be adjusted and which is contained in said preview image;

a neighboring color print control function which performs control such that said printing apparatus prints more than one color among from the color and its neighboring colors expressed by said information about unadjusted color based on said information about unadjusted color which has been acquired;

an adjusted color specifying function which specifies ~~the~~ adjusted color information which expresses any one of said plurality of printed colors as ~~the~~ standard information at the time of color adjustment;

a varying region output function that generates varying region image data and outputs a varying region image that shows just a region having color changes due to color adjustment on said input image based on the information about the unadjusted color and the adjusted color, wherein said varying region image data is expressed in achromatic color obtained from component value differences between said input image data and said adjusted image data; and

an adjusted image generating function which generates the adjusted image data which expresses the adjusted image to be printed by said printing apparatus from said image data based on said information about unadjusted color and said information about adjusted color.

16. (Currently amended) A color adjustment program product embodied on a computer readable medium which gives a computer ~~the~~ a function which enters an image data which expresses an input image in terms of more than one kind of color component value for a large number of pixels individually and then generates ~~the~~ adjusted image data which expresses ~~the~~ an adjusted image to be printed by a

printing apparatus, with the input image color-adjusted, said program product allowing the computer to realize:

an unadjusted color acquisition function which acquires ~~the~~ information about unadjusted color which expresses ~~the~~ a color to be adjusted and which is contained in said input image based on said image data;

an adjusted color specifying unit which accepts ~~the~~ input of ~~the~~ information about adjusted color which expresses adjusted color for the color expressed by said information about unadjusted color;

a varying region output function which generates ~~the~~ varying region image data which expresses ~~the~~ a varying region image which shows ~~the~~ just a region ~~in which the~~ having color changes due to said color adjustment on said input image based on said image data, the information about unadjusted color, and the information about adjusted color, wherein said varying region image data is expressed in achromatic color obtained from component value differences between said input image data and said adjusted image data, and outputs the varying region image based on said varying region image data; and

an adjusted image generating function which generates the adjusted image data which expresses the adjusted image to be printed by said printing apparatus from said image data based on said information about unadjusted color and said information about adjusted color which have generated the varying region image data which expresses said varying region image which has been output.